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## PART-IIA

### GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA

#### NOTIFICATIONS

The 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

#### OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject :-** *Restructuring and Reorganization of the Forest & Environment Department at the Directorate and District Level in the State of Meghalaya.*

**No.FOR.13/2013/68.** - Currently, the Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF comprises 4 (four) Wings with 20 (twenty) Divisions, of which 5 Divisions under Research & Training are directly controlled by the Directorate at Shillong and 15 Divisions being located in the 7 (Seven) older districts.

There has been no further creation of Divisions since the last reorganization of the State. While the 7 (seven) older districts have been provided with at least one Forest Division carrying out specifically assigned functions, the new districts have only subordinate Offices at the Range/ Beat level leaving a serious gap in operations and coordination at the District level. New districts do not have any Divisions and the current distribution of Divisions under the respective Wings are indicated as at Annexure I. Further, there are often jurisdictional overlaps with the District administration and District Police. Due to the thin distribution of staff and resources, coordination with district administration and Police often becomes distant, difficult and delayed. Therefore as there is requirement of keeping an Integrated unit system of Divisions, looking after all aspects of Forests & Environment Department such as Territorial, Social Forestry, Wildlife & Environment etc. at least one in each District, there is emerging need to re-organize and restructure the Divisions in the Forests & Environment Department.

With a view to look at bigger picture of the department as a whole and taking into account the fragmented functioning and consequential weaknesses in the system, and with an aim to improve focussed action and responsibility at the District level for the Forest & Environment Sector as a whole, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to order restructuring and reorganisation at the Directorate and District level of the Forest & Environment in Meghalaya as below:

**I. District & Commissionerate Level Reorganisation:** In order to ensure better coordination between various wings of the Forest Directorate and to streamline the overall functioning of the Department, it is deemed necessary to reorganize the structure of the Directorate from the field level upwards by integrating

activities currently being undertaken separately by various wings into a single integrated unit system at the District level. Consequent to such reorganization, each District will now have one Forest Division under the control of a Divisional Forest Officer who shall cover all aspects of forestry viz. Territorial, Wildlife, Social Forestry, Environment & others. Such an arrangement would also be analogous to one District, one Deputy Commissioner, one Superintendent of Police and one Divisional Forest Officer.

All the Divisional Forest Officers in the Garo Hills Region shall report to the Conservator of Forests, Territorial & Wildlife, Garo Hills, or the Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry, Garo Hills as required. A similar arrangement will be put in place in the Khasi, Jaintia Hills and Ri-Bhoi Region.

The Conservators of Forests will report to the respective Regional Chief Conservators of Forests in charge of the Garo Hills and the Khasi, Jaintia and Ri-Bhoi region analogous to the Commissioner of Division who shall be stationed at Tura and Shillong respectively. Officers at the level of Deputy Conservators of Forests shall be attached to the Offices of the Regional Chief Conservators of Forests. Redeployment and enhancement of manpower as required at the Division level, would be proposed, based on the essential needs.

Special functionary such as the Director, Balpakram National Park may continue to look after the Balpakram National Park, the Siju and Baghmara Pitcher Plant Wildlife Sanctuaries and other parts of South Garo Hills District. The Divisional Forest Officer, East & West Garo Hills Wildlife Division shall continue to exercise jurisdiction over the Nokrek Biosphere Reserve as is currently in vogue. The current jurisdiction of the said Divisional Forest Officer which spans over an extensive area comprising the East, West, South West and North Garo Hills Districts is too large to be effectively administered by a single Officer, hence the residual portion of the East and North Garo Hills districts, falling outside the area of the Nokrek Biosphere Reserve shall be administered by the Divisional Forest Officers of the particular district.

Integration of functions down to the Beat and Sub-Beat level would also be done in all the 49 (Forty-nine) Ranges, 63 (Sixty-three) Beats and 60 (Sixty) Sub-Beats under the Territorial, Wildlife and Social Forestry Wings. All Sub Beats having separate jurisdictions from Beats would be upgraded to Beats. The coverage by all the subordinate establishments under the said wings shall be rationalized as per functional need and to the extent possible shall be made uniform.

To ensure the proper functioning of the new Divisions the following immediate steps would be undertaken:-

- i. Each Divisional Office would be provided with an Assistant Conservators of Forests. Shortfall would be met by way of up-gradation of Forest Ranger level posts.
- ii. Every range would be provided with a Deputy Ranger. The current number of Deputy Rangers is 12 (Twelve) which necessitates an increase of 37 (Thirty-seven) numbers, to meet the requirement of 1 Deputy Ranger for each of the 49 (Forty-nine) Ranges.
- iii. On reorganization and up-gradation of Sub Beats to Beats, the grassroots level establishment will be the Beat numbering 123 (One Hundred and Twenty-three). All beats to be manned by Forester-1 level staff (164 numbers).
- iv. The current strength of 164 (One Hundred and Sixty-four) Forester I level staff will be deployed @ 1 each per Range (49) and 1 per Beat (123). In all 172 (One Hundred and Seventy-Two) Foresters would be required, which would necessitate creation of 8 new posts of Forester-I.
- v. Each Range shall have one Forest Guard and each Beat shall have at least 3 Forest Guards. This would necessitate creation of new posts of 25 (Twenty-five) new posts of Forest Guards.
- vi. A few Ministerial posts would have to be created to ensure that every Divisional Office is provided with at least 1 Head Assistant, 1 Accountant, 1 Upper Division Assistant and appropriate Grade IV support staff.

- vii. There are only 29 Range Assistants available for Ministerial work in the 49 Range Offices 20 new additions are required to meet the minimum requirement of one Range Assistant for every Range Office.
- viii. Infrastructure viz. Divisional Offices and residential accommodation would have to be created in the new Districts currently without any Divisional level presence.

Creation of new posts at various level such as Deputy Rangers, Foresters Grade II, Forest Guards and miscellaneous Grade-IV support staff; Construction of new Divisional/Other Office buildings, Range Offices and Residential quarters; Re-designation of posts and Redeployment of manpower/ Offices would be proposed by PCCF & HoFF under the developmental programmes/schemes as may be necessary on priority. It is also proposed to consider absorption of the Eco-Development Society of Meghalaya in the new Districts, subject to separate Government decisions and approval in the matter.

**II. The Restructuring at the Directorate Level** is also proposed in the following manner:-

There shall be 6 (six) Wings in the Directorate :-

- i) Territorial.
- ii) Wildlife.
- iii) Social Forestry & Community Forestry including Environment.
- iv) Research & Training and Climate Change.
- v) Administration.
- vi) Planning & Coordination. A Legal Cell shall also be placed under this Wing as well as the Planning Officer, Statistical Officer, Statistical Assistant and Analytical Assistants.

The Wings shall be headed by officers at the level of Chief Conservator of Forests and above as per availability.

The above reorganization is to be implemented on priority and within a period of 60(sixty) days from the date of issue of this Office Memorandum.

This has the orders of the Competent Authority.

**SHREERANJAN,**  
Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Forests & Environment Department.

**ANNEXURE-I**

The old distribution of Divisions are as below:-

**1. Territorial Wing** with 4 (four) Divisions :

- i. Khasi Hills Territorial Division, Shillong, covering East, West, South West Khasi Hills and Ri-Bhoi Districts.
- ii. Jaintia Hills Territorial Division, Jowai, covering East and West Jaintia Hills Districts.
- iii. East & North Garo Hills Territorial Division, Williamnagar, covering East & North Garo Hills Districts.
- iv. West and South West Garo Hills Territorial Division, Tura, covering West, South and South West Garo Hills Districts.

**2. Wildlife Wing** with 4 (four) Divisions :

- i. Khasi Hills Wildlife Division, Shillong, covering East, West & South West Khasi Hills and Ri-Bhoi District.
- ii. Jaintia Hills Wildlife Division, Jowai covering East and West Jaintia Hills Districts.
- iii. Garo Hills Wildlife Division, Tura, covering East, West, South West & North Garo Hills Districts.
- iv. Balpakram National Park Division, Baghmara, covering South Garo Hills District.

**3. Social Forestry & Environment Wing** with 7 (seven) Divisions :

- i. East Khasi Hills Social Forestry Division, Shillong covering East Khasi Hills District.
- ii. West Khasi Hills Social Forestry Division covering West & South West Khasi Hills Districts.
- iii. Ri-Bhoi Social Forestry Division covering Ri-Bhoi District.
- iv. Jaintia Hills Social Forestry Division covering East & West Jaintia Hills Districts.
- v. East Garo Hills Social Forestry Division covering East & North Garo Hills Districts.
- vi. West Garo Hills Social Forestry Division covering West, South and South West Garo Hills Districts.
- vii. South Garo Hills Social Forestry Division covering South Garo Hills District.

**4. Research, Training and Climate Change wing** with 5 (five) Divisions, all having statewide jurisdiction and headquartered at Shillong.

- i. Silviculture Division.
- ii. Working Plan Division.
- iii. Training.
- iv. Forest Utilization.
- v. Forest Resources Survey.

The 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

**No.HPL.166/2008/Pt/89.** - In supersession of this Department's Notification No.HPL.166/2008/82, dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to set up a Juvenile Police Unit in all the Districts, with Headquarters in their respective District Headquarters, to deal with children and juvenile related cases under Section 107 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. The Superintendent of Police of the concerned District will head the Juvenile Police Unit and will be assisted by one Inspector of Police as well as by two paid Social Workers who will be appointed by the Social Welfare Department, Government of Meghalaya.

**M. S. RAO,**

Principal Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,  
Home (Police) Department.

The 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

### NOTICE

**No.RBD(WR)/Sch-29/2016-17/474.**-The District Level Committee on Ground Water Resources under Ri-Bhoi District, with an aim to study the Ground Water development and Its scientific management in Ri-Bhoi District, directs all individuals/private and public Institutions within Ri-Bhoi District owning private bore wells/tube well to compulsorily register themselves with all relevant documents in the Office of Executive Engineer (WR) Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh with immediate effect. Non compliance of the directive would be dealt as per the provisions of law.

**S. H. NADON,**

Executive Engineer (WR)  
Ri-Bhoi Division,  
Nongpoh  
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Member Secretary District Level Committee on  
Ground Water Resources Ri-Bhoi District,  
Nongpoh.

The 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.

**No.SYA.42/2005/Pt/309.** - In partial modification of this Department's Notification No.SYA.42/2005/Pt/150, dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 and in pursuance of the provisions under Section 2 (h), 5(1) and 19 (1) of the Right to Information Act, 2005, the Governor of Meghalaya is pleased to specify the following Public Authority, the Public Information Officer:-

Sl. No.	Public Authority	Public Information Officer	Appellate Authority
1.	Sports and Youth Affairs Department.	Shri J. P. Marak, Assistant Director, Office of the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Meghalaya, Shillong.	Director, Sports and Youth Affairs, Meghalaya, Shillong.

Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,  
Sports and Youth Affairs Department.

The 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

**No.MSVC/E-13/2017/28.** – In pursuance of the provisions made under Rules, 3 (9) of the Meghalaya State Veterinary Council Rules , 1999 the following dates and venues are notified for conduct of Election for 4 (four) members to the State Veterinary Council from amongst the Registered members of the State Veterinary Practitioners Register of the Meghalaya State Veterinary Council, Shillong.

1.	<b>Date of Filing of Nomination</b>	<b>With effect from 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017</b>
2.	<b>Last Date of Filing Nomination</b>	<b>31<sup>st</sup> August, 2017 latest by 5.00 p.m.</b> either in Person or by Registered Post addressed to the Returning Officer, Meghalaya State Veterinary Council, Garikhana, Shillong - 2.
3.	<b>Date of Scrutiny</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017 from 11.00 a.m.</b> onwards in the same venue as above.
4.	<b>Last Date of Withdrawal of Nomination</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017</b> (upto 5.00 p.m.)
5.	<b>Dispatch of Ballot Papers to all Eligible Electors</b>	<b>With effect from 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.</b>
6.	<b>Last Date of Receipt of Marked Ballot Papers by the Returning Officer</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.</b>
7.	<b>Counting of Votes &amp; Declaration of Results.</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 from 11.00 a.m.</b> onwards in the Conference Room of the Meghalaya State Veterinary Council, Shillong.

**Dr. K. K. KHARMIHPEN,**  
Returning Officer,  
Election to Meghalaya State Veterinary, Council,  
A. H. & Veterinary, Shillong.

The 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

**No.GHADC-GAD/CML-ISD/315/2011/437.** - In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 9 of the Indian Marriage Act, 1872 as adopted under Sections 3 and 4 of the Garo Hills (Christian Marriage) Act, 1954, the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, is pleased to grant Marriage Licenses to the following Pastor and authorizing him to solemnize and grant Certificates of Marriages between Indian Christians in the Autonomous District of Garo Hills and to issue certificates of Marriages.

1. Pastor Jolonto G. Momin, Seventh Day Adventist Church, West Garo Hills Tura.

Joint Secretary  
to the Executive Committee,  
Garo Hills Autonomous District  
Council,  
Tura.

The 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.

**No.DC.VII/GenI/182/92-2017/38.** - The Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council is pleased to revoke with immediate effect the Marriage License of the following Rev. named below of the Unitarian Union North East India granted under section 9 of the Act, 1872 *vide* Notification No.DC.VIII/GenI/182/92-2002/24, dated 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2002 duly published in the Gazette No. 14 Part-IV dated 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2002.

**Sl. No.    Names.**

1. Rev. Derrick Paul Pariat.
2. Rev. Nangroi Suting.
3. Rev. Darihun Khriam.

**B. BASAIAWMOIT,**  
Secretary to the Executive Committee,  
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council Shillong.

The 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.

**No.DC.VII/Genl/182/92-2017/39.** - Under the provision of Section 3 and 4 of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District (Christian Marriage) Act, 1954 (United Khasi-Jaintia Hills) (Act No. 11 of 1954) read with Section 6 of the Indian Christian Marriage, Act 1872, (Act No. XV of 1872), the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council is pleased to grant license to the following Rev. named below of the Unitarian Union North East India authorising each to grant certificate(s) of Marriage or Marriages between two person(s) one or both of whom is or are Christian living within the jurisdiction of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, subject however, to revocation at anytime as may be notified.

**Sl. No. Names**

1. Rev. Derrick Pariat.
2. Rev. Nangroi Suting.
3. Rev. Darihun Khriam.

**B. BASAIAWMOIT,**

Secretary to the Executive Committee  
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council Shillong.

The 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.

**No.DC.VII/Genl/182/92-2017/40.** - Under the provision of Section 3 and 4 of the United Khasi-Jaintia Hills District (Christian Marriage) Act, 1954 (Act No. 11 of 1954) read with Section 9 of the Indian Christian Marriage, Act 1872, the Executive Committee, Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council is pleased to grant license to the following personal named below of the Unitarian Union North East India authorising each to grant certificate (s) of Marriage or Marriages between two person(s) one or both of whom is or are Christian living within the jurisdiction of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, subject however, to revocation at anytime as may be notified.

**Sl. No Names**

1. Mr. Allandiand Mylliempdah
2. Mr. Heavywell Lyngdoh
3. Mr. Harmless Nongdhar
4. Mr. Lincoln Sawian
5. Mr. Ishmiel Warbah
6. Mr. Mishein Marboh
7. Mr. Biron Lyngdoh
8. Mr. Playersing Marboh
9. Mr. Balajied Mylliempdah
10. Mr. Hajarmon Suting
11. Mr. David Warjri
12. Mrs. Riana Nongbri

**B. BASAIAWMOIT,**

Secretary to the Executive Committee  
Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council Shillong.